

## COURSES

The Dharma Center of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be offering the following classes in General Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The classes will be introductory for those who are new to the Buddhist concepts and continuing education for those already learning the Truth of the Dharma to live each moment in the Teachings. Let us all enrich our lives by listening to the Teachings.

### Shoshin Nembutsu-ge (Shoshinge) - Hymn of True Shinjin and the Nembutsu -

**Monday, 6:30-8:00PM**

**Rev. Koho Takata**

**April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16 (5 week class: \$50)**

“Shoshinge” is composed of 120 lines in 60 verses and is most widely chanted among Jodo Shinshu followers, was written by Shinran Shonin summarizing the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu. It is Shinran Shonin’s expression of joy and gratitude for encountering the Nembutsu teaching in being guided by the Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and the seven masters from India, China, and Japan.

### Introduction to the Three Pure Land Sutras

**Tuesday, 7:00-8:30PM**

**Rev. Ryuta Furumoto**

**April 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24 (5 week class: \$50)**

The Larger Sutra, The Contemplation Sutra, and The Amida Sutra are known as the three principal Pure Land Sutras in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The story of Dharmakara Bodhisattva, the Forty-Eight Vows of Amida Buddha, and the description of Pure Land appear in these sutras. This class will give an overview of the three sutras with an easy and simple guidance.

### Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)

**Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM**

**Rev. William Briones**

**April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4 (5 week class: \$50)**

Issues like same sex marriage, immigration, global warming were not an issue during Shinran's life, on the other hand there was war, sexism, and poverty during his time. What is our understanding of these contemporary issues living a life of Nembutsu? These five lectures will discuss current events and issues that effect our way of life and how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism influences our view point.

### Traditions of Nishi Hongwanji

**Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM**

**Rev. Masao Kodani**

**April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 26 (5 week class: \$50)**

Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist temples in U.S. The temple floorplan and use; clerical and religious articles; the basic ritual; Jodoshinshu holidays and festivals, ritual chanting; the family obutsudan; Orei and Oiwai; miscellaneous objects and terms. Lectures based on the book “Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha.”

### 浄土真宗の葬送儀礼 Jodo Shinshu Ritual on Death and Dying (Class taught in Japanese)

**Friday, 10:00-11:00AM (6 week class: \$60)**

**Rev. Koho Takata**

**April 15, 29, May 13, 27, June 3, 17**

浄土真宗における葬送儀礼の意義について（臨終勤行、出棺勤行、葬儀、年忌法要等）

### Drawing Closer to and Learning from Extraordinary lay Shin Buddhists, Such as the Myok-onin Shomatsu, Saichi, Kichibe, and Others

**Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM**

**Rev. Tetsuo Unno**

**May 7, 14, 21, June 4, 11 (5 week class: \$50)**

Suffice it to say that the Shin Buddhist understanding (i.e. “Shinjin” or Faith) of the Myokonins is simply stunning in its clarity and depth. And yet, they convey that depth in the simplest of words, examples, and action. These lectures focuses on those words, examples, and actions.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**  
**815 East First Street**  
**Los Angeles, California 90012**

**10:00 AM (every Sunday)**  
**English & Japanese**

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(213) 680-9130

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Followed by Dharma Classes for children  
Led by Dharma School Teachers

&

Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu  
Led by Rev. William Briones, Rimban  
Head Minister of Temple

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**Hollywood Buddhist Temple**  
**3929 Middlebury Street**  
**Los Angeles, California 90004**

**10:00AM (once a month)**  
**English & Japanese**

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**Sun Valley Buddhist Temple**  
**8850 Lankershim Blvd.**  
**Sun Valley, California 91352**

**10:00AM (once a month)**  
**English & Japanese**

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**Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**

**Every Sunday, 11:00-11:30AM (free)**

**Rev. William Briones**

This class will be held right after the Sunday service. There will be Q & A for Dharma message from Sunday service. It will help you to understand the basic teachings of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

**Applied Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies for Teens (Age 11 and up)**

**Sunday, 11:30-12:15AM (free)**

**Rev. Kazuaki Nakata**

**April 3, 17, 24, May 8, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26**

This course fully covers “Sangha Award” and “Padma Award for Cadettes and Senior” requisites. Main Purpose of this course is to cultivate the ability of the critical problem-solving, the sense of the mindfulness, the skill to reduce/manage one’s stress, the character of gentleness and the mind to make one’s life more appreciative through the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

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**MAJOR SERVICES FOR 2016 SPRING**

**花祭り Hanamatsuri (Birth of Sakyamuni Buddha)**

April 3 at 10:00am with Rev. Tesshi Aoyama (English & Japanese)

**降誕会 Gotane (Birth of Shinran Shonin)**

May 22 at 10:00am with Rev. Yushi Mukojima (English), Rev. Seikan Fukuma (Japanese)

**南加教区仏教徒大会 Southern District Buddhist Conference at San Diego Crown Plaza**

June 18 at 10:00am, American Shin Buddhism: New Voices “Listening, Hearing, and Being...”

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPRING 2016**

<b>NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>EMAIL</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	

**Please check the course you want to take:**

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**The course tuition is collected and no refund on missed classes. Please mail completed registration form with a check for the total payment (payable to: LAHHBT) or bring it to temple.**

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